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VILLA'S ACTIVITIES.

IT WOULD APPEAR from a casual glance at the neighboring republic of Mexico that somebody had been coquetting with the unsavory Villa the stench of whose record surpasses the understanding of those who have not been brought in contact with his odious administration. Perhaps the Wilson administration is using the elusive bandit as an instrument for pulling out of the fire the chestnuts which it spilled many moons ago during the fiasco wherein General Pershing was humiliated with a command subservient to the dictation of the White house. For months the children in Mexico has been boiling and the result is that the Latin republic is in something of a stew. It is clearly understood that Wilson does not want anything more to do with Carranza although he was the foster father of the tyrannical oligarchy enthroned in the City of Mexico. Without Wilson Carranza would have been an insignificant figure whose whiskers would have been the only attribute of greatness. There were other candidates for the head of the republic but Mr. Wilson insisted on selecting the grizzled old man who would not stay put after the United States played the craven act of pretending to punish Villa for whom a reward dead or alive was offered. Had General Pershing been left to his own devices he would have clarified the situation as quickly as he showed the Boche where to head in. But the powers in Washington were intent on playing politics and would have none of the salutary punishment which the general was well qualified to administer. The result of this pretentious camouflage was that Carranza, who had all the time been recognized as an open foe of this country, was seated in Mexico. Villa was supposed to have been driven to suicide. Troops were withdrawn and the way left clear for old man Carranza to manifest his predilection for Germany. That was the upshot of Wilson's Mexican policy. Today the wires are being pulled from the White house in Paris, which cost the taxpayers of the United States a million dollars to refurbish for the occupancy of Wilson, and we see the grinning visage of Villa pop up like some grotesque jack-in-the-box to play the part of a friend to the American administration. This system of dallying with the loathsome forces of barbarism is nauseating to decent Americans who wonder why this country does not go boldly into the adjacent territory and enter into a compact with some of the decent citizens of Mexico for a general housecleaning. Since we are intent on regulating the affairs of Dillimore and punishing the unspeakable Turk for his sanguinary excesses in murdering millions of innocent Americans the propriety of taking a hand on our own immediate border is not without estimation. All right thinking Americans believe there should be a purging of the Augean stables over the Rio Grande but they do not think that an alliance between the Mexican monster and the pre-mind Columbia will ever bring order out of chaos.

INGRATITUDE OF A CANDIDATE.

ON THE EVE of declaring himself a candidate for a third term Mr. Wilson appears to have lost his balance when he turns on the solid south in the message quoted in his Memorial Day address in which he pilloried the old line Bourbons of the south by saying they are ashamed of their record in opposing the union of states after the civil war. For 50 years after the peace proclamation was promulgated and a general amnesty extended to those who fought under the rebel flag the Republican party was charged with keeping alive the old hatred and flame of animosity for the sole purpose of uniting the north against the south. This unbrotherly sentiment passed into oblivion years ago and it comes as a distinct surprise to find the president himself mouthing a statement that should have been allowed to slumber with the antagonisms of three decades ago. Wilson must be in a desperate mood when he seeks to rehabilitate himself in the good will of the American people by turning from idealist fallacies to the tenets of the Republican party which he so viciously assailed during the first four years of his administration. Not that the Republicans have fanned the embers of political hatred into open rancor for the wise, conciliatory policy of the modern Republican leaders has eschewed arguments that would open old sores that still rankle south of Mason and Dixon's line. It remained for a Democratic president to rekindle the flame which was supposed to be extinguished. The action is all the more shocking coming as it does on the day when the United States, north and south, indulges in the mournful retrospect of honoring its soldier dead. Memorial Day is no longer regarded as the special observance of the Grand Army of the Republic for the anniversary is celebrated throughout the southern states where the blue and gray mingle and fraternize with a heroic recognition of the noble men who fought on either side.

Mr. Wilson is out of touch with the American heart. The heart of Mr. Wilson is under a frock coat and his brain is under a high silk hat. The heart of Mr. Wilson, for the past six months at least, has been at the firesides of royalty and in the beds of princes of the blood. The heart of Wilson has pulsed with joy at gold plate dinners and in enjoying a homage greater than that of kings. The "simple circumstances" of his first trip to France were followed by the presentation of a bill to congress of \$5,000,000 to defray the expenses and what the second trip will cost is not yet known.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, administration organ, says: "If the country could have had just the right sort of Postmaster General during the Wilson administration, substantial progress might have been possible (toward wire unification) on such moderate lines as to insure its permanence." And if there had not been so many administration organs so sycophantic that it took them six years to discover the incompetency of the postmaster general, maybe we would have had a new one long ago.

UNIVERSITY RANKS FILLING UP
VACANCIES CAUSED BY WAR LOSSES

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, May 29.—The great universities of England whose student bodies and teaching staffs were greatly depleted by service in the army or in government offices during the war are again filling with students and resuming normal life. This is shown by a letter received here by Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Eanthorpe of the British embassy from A. L. Smith, master of Balliol college, Oxford. New schools are being opened at Oxford and plans for greater efficiency are being put into effect, he writes.

According to the master of Balliol Oxford sent approximately 12,000 of its men to the war to join the government service. Of these 2,844 were killed and 100 are missing. More than 4,000 won honors in the war including 16 Victoria crosses. The fixtures of Cambridge University would be about the same, the writer estimates.

Training the services rendered by men of the forty colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, the master writes that owing to the response for war service the student life "was added to a threat." He adds that "the importance of the response of these two older universities was that it filled up the gap between the destruction of the old regular army in the

fighting of August and September of 1914 and the coming forward of the newly trained territorials in the spring of 1915. This immediate response to the call of the country and the personal courage and devotion of these young men were a complete and decisive answer to any "class" jealousy or feeling that the workers were being made to bear the brunt.

The general tone and character of these men is described by Balliol's master as remarkably high. There is quite as much life and cheerful activity as before the war and a great deal more seriousness of purpose. The master notes not only a marked improvement in the strength of character shown by the returning students but that they even gained in intellectuality what they had lost in book knowledge and have more than made up for this loss by the power of equating to the point, and by a sense of reality about their work.

DRYS CONTROL
THE DEMOCRATS

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, May 28.—President Wilson's statement in his address at the banquet given in Paris to the new president of Brazil, Dr. Epitacio Pessoa, that his presidency is not ahead of him, set the tongues of politicians at the capital to wagging.

"Watch out for Mitchell Palmer as the Democratic candidate for president in 1920," one of these wisecracks whispered today, with an air of great confidence.

"Why Mr. Palmer, particularly?" "Plans are now being set up to put him over," was the reply.

"We are setting them up." "The leaders of the prohibition movement," the informant responded. There are two political divisions of prohibitionists. There are the straight party prohibitionists and the non-partisan prohibitionists.

It is the straight party prohibitionists who are planning for the

nomination of Palmer.

The non-partisan prohibitionists are taking no active part in the movement, but admittedly have a sympathetic interest in it.

The majority of the Democratic party being favorable to prohibition, as has been demonstrated by the ratification of the prohibition federal amendment. Palmer's friends are most sanguine of the success of the boom they have started.

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AMUSEMENTS

VIOLA DANA AT THE
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One of the cleverest of the many Metro plays in which Viola Dana has appeared on the screen will be an attraction at the Butler today. This is the romantic comedy drama, "The Gold Cure," a play of five acts. Annie, played by Miss Dana, finds a town where all the young fellows have left, a very dismal place to live in, and decides to take matters into her own hands and supply the lamentable lack of men. Her plan is a simple one and her only aid a box of carpet tacks. Now she manipulates these simple articles to achieve her own ends. It is shown in one picture and the unexpected adventures which follow one another in quick succession gives action and life to the brilliant comedy. Miss Dana is certainly at her very best in this offering, which is an adaptation of the extensively read novel, "Oh! Annie!" by Alexine Heyland, which originally appeared in the Woman's Home Companion, a fresh and breezy story of youth and love, with a delightful star in a fascinating role.

Added to the program a two-reel Sunshine comedy, "His Musical Snore."

Tomorrow, Lila Lee, the new Paramount star, in her first screen appearance in "The Cruise of the Make Believe," and Pearl White in "The Lightning Raider." Remember Monday, a Rex Beach story of the north, "The Brand."

GOLDFIELD ATHLETES
ARE BUSY IN PARIS

The Tribune is in receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Eagle Rock, Calif. Sentinel, which we print below. The Fred Thompson referred to is the Reverend Fred Thompson, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of Goldfield, who went to France as an army chaplain, following an injury that disqualified him for the aviation service. Thompson, about five years ago, won the world's championship as an all-around amateur athlete and this record he still holds. Eagle Rock is the home of Mr. Thompson's mother. The Sentinel says:

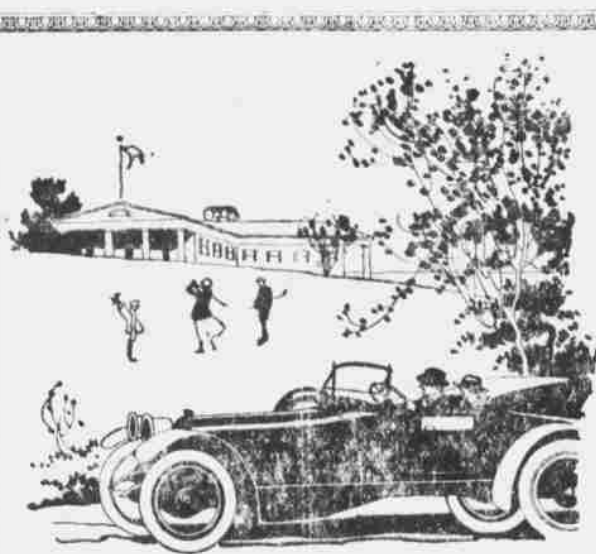
"Word has been received from J. A. Pipal, former coach at Occidental college, that he has been chosen coach of the United States army team which is to uphold the honor of this country in the inter-allied games at Paris a few weeks hence. He will have Fred Thompson on his aggregation and Fred's kid brother."

The volcano of Stromboli is reported to be in a state of violent eruption. Stromboli is the Albert Sidney Burleson of Sicily.

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